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State Higher Education Commission to Unveil Long-Awaited University Eligibility Study

May 3, 2004 — Sacramento – The California Postsecondary Education Commission will hold a press briefing on May 19 to release a study that presents information on the percent of public high school graduates who are eligible for admission to the California State University and the University of California. This major study, conducted periodically, presents changes in the public high school "eligibility pool" since 1986.

The 1960 State Master Plan for Higher Education encouraged the University of California to select its freshmen from among the top eighth of California's public high school graduates and the California State University to draw from among the top third. This study provides a basis for understanding whether the proportion of students who are eligible to the State's universities is consistent with the Master Plan, and to assess whether there is a need for any changes in admission requirements.

The press briefing will be held on May 19, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1190 in the State Capitol.